

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated May 25, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants traverse this rejection and request reconsideration and allowance of these claims based on the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to the undersigned in discussing this Section 101 rejection and proposing certain amendments to respond to that rejection. Applicants note that no amendments to the claims are required to address this rejection as the specification as filed properly supports the claims and the claims, unamended, recite statutory subject matter. To move this application to allowance, however, Applicant has amended claim 1 in a manner consistent with the Examiner's proposal. The rejected claims 1-17 no longer recite "information carrier," the term that the Examiner asserted would encompass non-statutory subject matter.

Finally, Applicants thank the Examiner for the complete search of all relevant prior art and the resulting allowance of claims 18-27. Applicants take exception with the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance to the extent that they restrict the scope of the claims based on proper application of applicable case law.

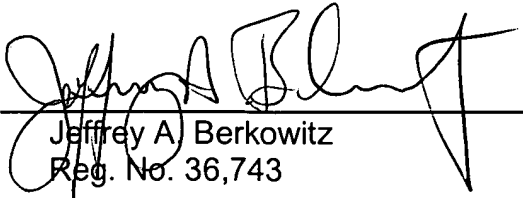
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request reconsideration and reexamination of the application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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